

Montague Tree Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes for Meeting 4/14/2021 6:30 PM, Montague Senior Center and Zoom meeting

Present: David Detmold, Rafael Vega, Bill Codington, Mark Stevens, Jeffery Warren, Tom Sullivan, Bob Austin, Roberta Potter

- **Chair opens Meeting**
- **Minutes** March 16, 2022 approved as is, motion J. Warren, 2nd by A. Vega
- **Online handouts:** Agenda, minutes February 3, 2022, Draft Mission Statement

- **2022 Arbor day and Spring tree planning**
 - Arbor day trees scheduled throughout the 5 villages: Fairway Cemetery, the patch, @ 3rd and L St., Prospect St, Fire Station (8 trees), Lake Pleasant and Millers Falls
 - Montague Center was planted on Saturday the 30th
 - J. Warren asked if we could get an official press release for coverage
 - Up to 95 locations were marked for dig safe
 - Trees were delivered on 4/20 at 11am
 - MTAC did NOT do Earth Day plantings
 - Both Springfield and MCTV will get press releases

- **Leafletting in neighborhoods without tree belts**
 - Flyer is ready to be distributed for advertising trees for homes lacking tree belts
 - Mark/DPW can provide water bags for those trees

- **Update on spreadsheets for tree locations**
 - Add village ID "code" in addition to color coding
 - Share spreadsheet on google sheets

- **Update on Franklin Tech**
 - Working on tree lilacs, still growing
 - A few trees (sugar and red maples) may be available from nursery

- **Communication with the Tree Warden**
 - Mark communicated throughout the meeting
- **Mission Statement**
 - Follow up next meeting

- **Filling open seats on the committee**
 - A. Vega will be stepping down after next meeting
 - Jeff asked about the "official" status of MTAC
- **Unanticipated items**
 - Roberta Potter wanted to discuss trees that were taken down in front of her house
 - Tree warden indicated that there were holes in the tree making them hazardous
 - J. Warren asked about opportunity to educate the public about sick trees destined to be taken down
- **Next Meeting:** TBD